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## QUIT CLAIM 210 LOTS IN E. TORRANCE

Standard Oil Releases Six  
Blocks for Residential De-  
velopment Between 220th  
and 223rd Streets

Two hundred ten lots adjacent  
to Torrance in the Los Angeles  
shoestring strip have been relieved  
of all lease encumbrances and are  
now available for residence devel-  
opment. It was announced by Don  
Findley, manager of the Dominguez  
Land Corporation this week.

The 210 lots comprise six city  
blocks and lie between 220th and  
223rd streets between Western and  
Harvard avenues, and have been  
quit claimed by the Standard Oil  
Company which has had a lease  
with the Dominguez Land Corpora-  
tion for the oil rights. While no  
wells were drilled on any of these  
lots, owners have been reluctant to  
build for fear of future oil well  
development, and streets were not  
improved for the same reason.

Now that the Standard Oil com-  
pany has relinquished its lease,  
there is no longer any possibility  
of oil development and the six  
blocks may be developed residen-  
tially. It is pointed out by Mr.  
Findley, with the exception of  
about 40 lots owned by the Do-  
minguez Land Corporation, the lots  
are privately owned, largely by in-  
dividuals. A petition has already  
been filed for the improvement of  
220th street bordering on the six  
blocks now released and it is ex-  
pected that further petitions will  
be circulated for the paving of other  
streets in the tract in the near  
future.

The legal description of the lots  
just quit claimed by the Standard  
Oil Company is lots one to 210 in  
tract 4529, City of Los Angeles.  
They lie just across Western ave-  
nue from the city limits of Tor-  
rance and open up much needed  
reasonably priced residence lots for  
development in the Torrance area.

## DRAWS HEAVY SENTENCE ON RECKLESSNESS

J. J. Haggerty Pleads Guilty to  
Drunkness and Reck-  
less Driving Following Red-  
ondo Boulevard Crash

J. J. Haggerty, an employe of  
the Doheny-Stone Drill Company,  
pleaded guilty Wednesday morning  
before Judge Rippey to charges of  
drunkness and reckless driving  
on Redondo boulevard Tuesday  
night, on complaint of H. E. Cor-  
bett of Redondo Beach.

According to Corbett, Haggerty  
drove his car toward the Corbett  
car, forced it onto the curb, and  
hit it in the rear. Damages to  
both cars were reported but no in-  
juries were sustained by the pas-  
sengers or drivers. The accident  
happened about 11:30 p. m. Tues-  
day night.

Haggerty was fined \$150 or 150  
days in jail on the drunkness  
charge and \$250 or 250 days in jail  
on the reckless driving charge with  
an additional straight jail sentence  
in the county jail of 30 days.

Hogue in Race  
for City Clerk

R. F. Hogue has filed a petition  
as a candidate for city clerk at the  
election, April 11th, opposing the  
incumbent, A. H. Bartlett. Hogue's  
petition bore eight signatures head-  
ed by G. L. Morris. It was cir-  
culated by Chas. Merford. Mr.  
Hogue until recently conducted an  
office supply and gift store at the  
corner of El Prado and Santa Fe.  
He has been employed by the Alpaugh  
Engineering Company since the  
closing of his store. He is leader  
of the choir of the First Methodist  
Episcopal church.

**BILL THE BARBER  
SAYS**

A TICKET  
SPECULATOR  
IS A MAN  
WHO LETS  
YOU SEE ONE  
SHOW FOR  
THE PRICE  
OF THREE

## Oil Tariff Voted Down

Senate Closes Eyes to Workers, Out of Employment to  
Reap Profits for Millionaire Oil Barons

AN EDITORIAL  
By GROVER C. WHYTE

The Senate yesterday by a vote of 38 to 29, re-  
jected the demands of independent oil operators in the  
United States for a protective tariff on foreign oil. In  
the eyes of American oil workers and independent op-  
erators, the Republican Senate has shunned the ur-  
gent needs of the working people to feather the nests  
of Wall Street oil barons who are profiting by the free  
import of this cheap South American oil.

This Venezuelan and Mexican oil, owned by Ameri-  
can millionaires is produced by cheap Indian labor and  
brought into the United States, duty free, necessitating  
the curtailment of American producers and throwing  
out of employment American workers in the oil fields  
and in the allied petroleum equipment factories. The  
fact that Andrew Mellon, member of the Hoover cabi-  
net, is president of the Gulf Refining Company and  
one of the largest owners of South American oil, does  
not add to the administration's popularity in California  
and the other 16 oil producing states.

The cry that the action of the Senate is defeating  
the tariff is saving the American people \$900,000,000  
is looked upon as pure unadulterated "bunk," because  
the price of gasoline is predicated upon the cost of  
production in America, and whatever savings the oil  
barons may enjoy by bringing cheap foreign oil into  
this country instead of producing it here, is just  
"gray" to the stockholders of the foreign oil holding  
companies.

That the Senate isn't worrying about increasing the  
cost of commodities to the consumer, is evidenced by  
the recent tariff advances on sugar and cement and  
the contemplated tariff on lumber, the effect of which  
will be an increase in the cost of these commodities.  
What we cannot understand is why the Senate will  
put a tariff on commodities such as sugar and cement  
which will increase the cost of living to the public,  
and then refuse to give protection to the oil workers,  
out of work, particularly when such protection will not  
cost the public anything.

It is a plain case of "playing to the big boys," and  
let the little fellows keep on looking for a job; and oil  
workers will have some embarrassing questions to ask  
Mr. Hoover when he comes looking for votes in Cal-  
ifornia in 1932.

## Who Can Say It Doesn't Pay A City To Own Its Own Water System? Rates In Southgate Municipal Plant Again Reduced

For the second time in two years, water rates have  
been reduced by the municipally owned water department  
of the City of Southgate. Two years ago the water rate  
was \$1.25 for the first 1000 cubic feet, and it was reduced  
at that time to \$1.00. The schedule which goes into effect  
April 1, is as follows: 90c per 1000 cubic feet for the first  
2000 cubic feet; 70c per 1000 for the next 2000 cubic feet,  
and 50c per 1000 for each additional 1000 cubic feet.

To fully appreciate the savings to the people of South-  
gate in operating their own municipal water system one  
must compare the rates with those now charged by the  
Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, which is a pri-  
vately owned corporation with principal offices in Colum-  
bus, Ohio. The following chart graphically shows the sav-  
ings effected by municipal ownership:

MONTHLY CONSUMPTION	TORRANCE (Private Water Corporation)		SOUTHGATE (Municipal Owned System)
	(Private Water Corporation)	(Municipal Owned System)	
1000 cubic feet	\$2.25	\$1.80	\$1.80
2000 cubic feet	3.75	2.60	2.60
3000 cubic feet	5.25	3.20	3.20
4000 cubic feet	6.75	3.70	3.70
5000 cubic feet	8.25	4.20	4.20

While it is not felt that the present time is opportune  
for continuing the campaign for a municipal system in  
Torrance, those who have been active in developing a new  
water system for Torrance state that the fight will be  
taken up again in the very near future and with renewed  
vigor.

## Dramatic Recital To Be Given Sat. M. E. Church Sat.

Mrs. Juliet Reed Brown will pre-  
sent pupils in dramatic recital at  
the Methodist Episcopal church on  
Saturday evening, March 22nd, at  
7:45 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited  
to be present.

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FAVOR GRANTED  
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Prisoner (in city jail booked  
on drunkness charge): "Say  
Chief, can I stay in here?"  
Chief Caddler: "Sure, just try  
and get out!"

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## REGISTRATION IS LESS THAN EXPECTATIONS

Only 2189 Qualified to Vote  
at April Election Out of  
Possible 2800 in Torrance

Out of a possible 2800 voters in  
Torrance, only 2189 had registered  
by midnight on March 14, and only  
this number will be allowed to vote  
at the municipal elections April 14.  
The honors for registering most  
of the voters in Torrance goes to  
Mrs. J. Forbes Anderson, who se-  
cured 1603 of the 2189 total and  
1243 of Mrs. Anderson's total were  
secured in her own district during  
the first thirty days after the reg-  
istration books were opened. After  
the first thirty days, registrars are  
allowed to work anywhere in the  
city and Mrs. Anderson gathered  
360 additional registrations in the  
city at large. In addition to this,  
Mrs. Anderson secured 296 registra-  
tions from voters living outside the  
city limits of Torrance, but these  
of course, will not be qualified to  
vote in Torrance.

The other three registrars in  
Torrance accounted for the balance  
of 566 registered except for twenty  
persons who called at the City  
Clerk's office. While only 2189 are  
qualified to cast their ballots at the  
April elections, City Clerk A.  
H. Bartlett estimates that there are  
at least 2500 people within the city  
limits who could have registered  
and voted next month.

Registration Continues  
Registrars in Torrance have re-  
ceived their books back from the  
W. E. Kerr, county registrar, and  
are now taking additional registra-  
tions for the August primary elec-  
tions. It is pointed out, however,  
that no voters who have registered  
since midnight March 14, will be  
qualified to vote at the April elec-  
tions.

## ASSESSOR TO HAVE OFFICE IN TORRANCE

Veterans May File Exemptions  
and Absent Taxpayers  
Reports at Chamber of  
Commerce Thursdays

Mrs. Mabel Erickson, deputy  
county assessor, will be at the  
Torrance Chamber of Commerce  
office each Thursday from now  
until May, from 1 to 5 p. m., for  
the convenience of veterans wish-  
ing to file exemption claims and  
for those who are absent when  
the deputy assessors call at their  
residences in process of business.

This is the first time this local  
service has been offered Torrance  
taxpayers and is in response to  
many requests, according to Carl  
L. Hyde, secretary of the chamber  
of commerce. Heretofore, veterans  
have been obliged to make a trip  
to the county building in Los An-  
geles in order to file the \$1000  
veteran exemption claims.

Mrs. Erickson requests that tax-  
payers wait for the deputy assess-  
ors to call at the residences or  
places of business before coming  
to the chamber of commerce, but  
in the event taxpayers are absent  
when the assessors call, a notice  
to this effect will be left at the  
door. Those receiving such notices  
are then requested to file their re-  
ports with the deputy assessor at  
the Torrance Chamber of Com-  
merce Thursday afternoons.

## EXPLOSION AT COLUMBIA IS HEARD SUNDAY

An explosion of slag at the Col-  
umbia plant of the United States  
Steel Corporation in Torrance  
rocked buildings throughout the  
city Sunday morning, but did no  
damage.

A hot bucket of slag came in  
contact with water on the ground  
and it was damped and the explo-  
sion of steam followed, scattering  
scrap pieces of metal about the  
area, but no one was hit.

The loud report of the blast was  
heard about 9 o'clock Sunday  
morning and buildings throughout  
Torrance were shaken slightly  
causing many to believe a serious  
explosion had occurred.

## TORRANCE MAN VICTIM OF "RADIO GAS"

Can anyone be overcome  
with "radio gas"—hot air, or  
whatever the endless jargon  
that radio announcers emit is  
called? This is a question re-  
latives of G. J. Roop, 1616 Car-  
son street, asked when they  
found Mr. Roop collapsed in  
his chair near the family re-  
frigerator full blast, last Sat-  
urday morning.

A hurry-up call was sent to  
the Torrance police for the  
inhalator, thinking the unfor-  
tunate man may have been  
the victim of escaping gas  
from a nearby heater. An  
examining physician sent the  
patient to the hospital and he  
recovered shortly after being  
removed from the radio  
"fumes."

## COMET BROOKS HIT BY AUTO IN HOLLYWOOD

Thrown Across Street by  
One Car Into Path of An-  
other—Lad in Torrance  
Hospital

Comet Brooks, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Willis Brooks of 1328 Portola  
ave., sustained possible rib fractures  
and severe bruises early Saturday  
morning when he was struck down  
by a passing motorist at Highland  
and Sunset boulevards in Holly-  
wood.

It is asserted that Comet was  
crossing the boulevard with his  
friend, Red White, about 12:45 a.  
m., enroute to the latter's home at  
Sunset and McCadden Street when  
the accident occurred. According  
to White, when they saw the car  
approaching, he stepped back, while  
Comet tried to escape it by leaping  
forward. The car, a new Ford,  
driven by Norman Harris of Riv-  
erside, swayed on the slippery  
streets and according to witnesses,  
headed straight for Comet, struck  
him and flung him into the air and  
across the street directly into the  
path of a sedan travelling down  
the boulevard in the opposite direc-  
tion. The second car ran over the  
prostrate form of Comet but it is  
not known whether or not the  
wheels passed over him. The driver  
of the sedan is unknown.

An ambulance took the injured  
boy to the emergency hospital on  
Hollywood boulevard, then to the  
Lutheran hospital for examination.  
There it was believed that he had  
sustained a skull fracture as well  
as a possible pelvic fracture. X-  
rays have since revealed that there  
were no such fractures. He was  
brought to the Jared Sidney Tor-  
rance Memorial hospital on Satur-  
day afternoon, and he is resting  
nicely.

## BROTHER OF ROY KIZER TAKES LIFE

Unemployment Believed Mo-  
tive For Swallowing Car-  
bolic Acid

Roy Kizer, 519 Cota avenue, was  
informed of the death of his  
brother, Robert Kizer 29, in Los  
Angeles Saturday afternoon. Ac-  
cording to the county coroner's re-  
port, the deceased committed sui-  
cide by swallowing carbolic acid,  
and it is believed that he had  
been dead for two or three days  
before he was found in his room.  
No motive is known for taking his  
life, unless Kizer became despondent  
because of unemployment. He  
was not married.

The deceased left a note to his  
brother in Torrance requesting that  
he be buried at the family home  
in Eugene, Oregon, and the  
body was brought to Torrance by  
Stone & Myers, undertakers, and  
shipped to Oregon, Monday.

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TELL US IF  
YOU MOVE  
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Now that the Spring mov-  
ing season has started sub-  
scribers are reminded to noti-  
fy the Torrance Herald of ad-  
dress changes, so that uninter-  
rupted service may be given.  
Kindly telephone, Circulation  
Department, 414.

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## Public Welcomed to World Famed Brazee Iris Fields

Internationally Known Flower Beds Now At Full Bloom.  
Open House To Public Saturday Afternoon

Can you imagine two acres of Dutch and Spanish iris  
all in bloom at the same time? And can you imagine hav-  
ing the opportunity of seeing this beautiful field of blue  
and yellow without paying an admission charge? This is  
the opportunity extended to the people of Torrance Sat-  
urday afternoon when the Torrance District Garden Club  
will be the guests of Charles Alexander Brazee, interna-  
tionally famous bulb grower on Main street, whose famous  
iris beds are now in bloom just a block and a half south  
of Carson street.



Charlie Brazee Amid His Iris Fields on Main Street to  
Which Public Is Invited This Saturday Afternoon

To the well informed flower  
lover, Charles A. Brazee needs no  
introduction, and to others we say  
that he is one of the world's most  
renowned authorities on the cul-  
ture of iris bulbs, and the only  
honorary member of the Torrance  
District Garden Club. He graciously  
used his influence in obtaining  
prizes for the two annual flower  
shows in Torrance and himself ad-  
judged \$50 worth of his famous  
bulbs each year.

Mr. Brazee is not only an ac-  
knowledged authority on bulb cul-  
ture in America, but he exports  
Dutch iris bulbs from his Torrance  
flower farm to Holland and other  
foreign countries.

The Brazee fields in the Spring  
are the mecca for bulb growers as  
well as such men as Dr. Griffith,  
Peter Bessett, Leonard Vaughan,  
F. Reynolds, Alfie Miller and nu-  
merous others who play an important  
part in the bulb industries of Am-  
erica. The annual spring gathering  
of Southern California Bulb Grow-  
ers is always held at his place dur-  
ing the blossom season of the iris  
and needless to say the best at-  
tendance is always had then. It is  
an excuse for growers, buyers,  
horticultural commissioners and  
foreign growers to come and the  
unanimous opinion of all is that it  
is worth coming thousands of miles  
to see.

## Foreign Trade Conference Men May Visit Here

When the National Foreign  
Trade conference is held in Los  
Angeles in May, an effort will be  
made to have the delegates visit  
the industrial plants of Torrance,  
California.

James A. Farrell, president of the  
United States Steel Corporation,  
is chairman of the conference,  
which will include the foremost  
industrial and financial leaders of  
the nation. This is the first time  
that this important conference has  
been held on the Pacific Coast and  
the impression that is made on  
the ears of the industrial world  
will have a great bearing on the  
industrial development of the  
Southland.

While no announcement has  
been made of the reason for hold-  
ing the conference in Los Angeles  
this year, those in authority pre-  
dict that plans for supplying the  
Oriental trade will be one of the  
most important topics discussed.

Torrance Chamber of Commerce  
directors authorized Carl Hyde,  
secretary, to exert every effort to  
bring the industrial leaders of the  
nation to Torrance while they are  
on the coast, and the fact that the  
president of the United States  
Steel Corporation is chairman of  
the conference may be of assist-  
ance in bringing Torrance to the  
attention of the industrial barons.

## PALMER QUILTS HOUSING WORK WITH CHAMBER

Directors Express Satisfaction  
with Foundation Work Ac-  
complished in Six Months

WORK TO GO AHEAD  
Canvass of Non-Resident  
Employees Will Continue  
Under Licensed Broker  
Without Cost to Chamber

The resignation of E. Standish  
Palmer as manager of the Housing  
department of the Torrance Cham-  
ber of Commerce was accepted by  
the board of directors Monday eve-  
ning.

In offering his resignation, Mr.  
Palmer stated that he had dis-  
covered that it was unlawful to  
carry on the individual sales canvass  
of prospects for home buy-  
ing in Torrance without becoming  
a licensed broker, and for this reason  
it would be impossible to con-  
tinue the work of the housing de-  
partment as the canvass of non-  
resident employees was the next  
work of the housing department.

Mr. Palmer stated that he would  
continue this work, however, under  
a duly licensed broker without cost  
to the Chamber of Commerce.

At the request of the board of  
directors, President Harry Dolley  
expressed the gratitude of the  
board to Mr. Palmer for the founda-  
tion work he had done and  
stated that as soon as economic  
conditions became normal it was  
sure the information gathered by  
Mr. Palmer would be found inval-  
uable.

Mr. Palmer's letter of resigna-  
tion and President Dolley's reply  
follow:

Palmer's Resignation  
March 17, 1930

Board of Directors,  
Chamber of Commerce,  
Torrance, California

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resigna-  
tion as manager of the Housing  
Department of the Torrance  
Chamber of Commerce to take  
effect March 22nd, 1930, which  
is the end of the six months  
period for which this depart-  
ment was originally set up. My  
reasons for this action are as  
follows:

After consultation with the  
Real Estate Commissioners, I  
find that it will be unlawful  
for me to carry on an indi-  
vidual sales canvass of pros-  
pects for home buying, it be-  
ing necessary to work under a  
licensed broker for that pur-  
pose.

The general business condi-  
tions and slump in employment  
in Torrance have caused agita-  
tion around town in regard to  
the amount of overhead being  
expended by the Chamber of  
Commerce and I do not desire  
to embark on any other pres-  
ent or future activities of the  
Chamber by continuing to add  
to that overhead.

For your information, I am  
planning to continue this sales  
campaign for home ownership  
among industrial employes of  
Torrance and the auspices of  
some real estate broker if sat-  
isfactory arrangements can be  
consummated thereby making  
possible the carrying out of the  
program suggested at your last  
meeting with its attendant  
benefits without any cost to  
the Chamber.

Sincerely yours,  
E. Standish Palmer.

Pres. Dolley's Acceptance  
March 18, 1930.

Mr. E. Standish Palmer,  
Manager Housing Department,  
Chamber of Commerce,  
Torrance, California.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

At the regular meeting of  
the Board of Directors last  
evening your resignation as  
manager of the Housing De-  
partment of the Torrance  
Chamber of Commerce, to take  
effect March 22nd, 1930, was  
accepted.

The Board could not pass on  
this, however, without express-  
ing grateful appreciation for  
the splendid services which you  
have rendered to this commu-  
nity during your six months  
tenure in this capacity. We  
have been cognizant of the  
many complex obstacles which  
were necessary to be overcome  
in the studies and work at-  
tendant to your duties in this  
respect.

The fruits of your program  
have developed a thorough un-  
derstanding of all problems re-  
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